

## WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Javier Araujo

DATES FOR THIS REPORT: 7-12--2018 thru 7-19-2018

PROGRAMS/RESPONSIBILITIES: Designate Federal Officer (DFO) for the NEEAC, Contracts manager, PEYA/PIAEE co-program manager, Cesar Chavez Public Policy Charter School internship program supervisor.

## UPDATE ON PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Provide an update on program tasks and accomplishments
  - Contacted Tracy Hunt regarding re-hiring Kelly Keena through the FPS system. Per Shakeena Benjamin in RTP, Kelly's profile was cancelled on 11-10-2017. Awaiting a call back from Tracy Hunt.
  - Conference call with Jewel Wallace (lotus notes representative) per our conversation she will create a ticket that will verify that I have a LN license. Once she gets a response from LN license team then she will help me update my lotus notes profile.
  - Conference call with Cathy McGirl (tetra-tech) regarding upcoming request to re-work the PIAEE/PEYA ceremony portal. Received edits to PIAEE/PEYA portal and begun the review process.
  - Participated in scheduled CFDA webinar to learn new updates to the GSA, CFDA SAM template. Took notes and shared with Karen Scott and Ginger Potter.
  - Conference call with Jessica Orquina (Director of Office of Web Communications) regarding an initial discovery inquiry from the OPA attorney Ryan Yaeger regarding the Definers' contract.
  - Contacted Bob Hansen at DOC regarding a tour of the Herbert Hoover Auditorium for Emily, Ted and Christina.
  - Responded to two inquiries regarding announcement of PIAEE winners and honorable mentions.
  - Provided contractor representative Cathy McGirl (tetra-tech) and Chris Bachman (tetra-tech) the updates and suggested changes to the PIAEE/PEYA web portal as suggested by Emily Selia and myself.
  - Received first tetra-tech invoice from EMS. I confirmed with Megan Quinn (CO) that I am still authorized to pay these invoices. She indicated that I should pay them upon review. I was not able to log in to the easy lite system to pay the invoice. I requested access to Easy Lite and was told that I had been dropped from the system. Mr. Clint Thomason reinstated my access to the Easy Lite system. I tried to pay the invoice and the invoice is still not visible on the Easy Lite system.

In addition to this discussion, please provide information on the following as it relates to your programs where/when applicable:

- BUDGET: Items and/or actions related to funding

- Include information on:

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- MANAGEMENT REQUESTS: Items requiring management or senior management input or approval

- Confirm who will sign the honorable mention PEYA/PIAEE Certificates (Tate, Administrator)? Needed in the next two weeks?

- ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE for Upcoming Week

- No anticipated deviations from current work schedule
- PEYA/PIAEE Weekly event planning meeting

**SUGGESTION BOX:**

- Summer ice cream and lemonade social.? We should plan a summer ice cream and lemonade social for OPEEE to celebrate the summer before our interns leave.

**Office of Public Engagement**

Outreach to stakeholders on Air Trends Report

Outreach and Conference call with the AA for OAR and stakeholders on fuel economy standards for model year 2021-2026 Vehicles, 90 participants on the call

Provided embargoed news releases from key automobile industry trade associations, the Auto Alliance and the Global Automobile Manufacturers.

Outreach to stakeholders on commemorating the 40th anniversary of Love Canal, a tragedy that spurred a law to clean up hazardous waste and give voice to communities across the country

Provided information to stakeholders on EPA's PFAS Community Engagement Events Throughout the Country

DATE: May 24, 2018

FROM: Seth Buchsbaum, Attorney-Advisor

RE: LITIGATION **Attorney Work Product / Ex. 5**

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## **V. Case Attorney**

The lead case attorney to whom all questions should be directed is:

Seth Buchsbaum

Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Information Law Practice Group

United States Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-2484

[Buchsbaum.seth@epa.gov](mailto:Buchsbaum.seth@epa.gov)

# **Attorney Work Product / Ex. 5**

**To:** Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]  
**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tue 10/10/2017 9:46:36 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Definers

Yes - almost there

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 9, 2017, at 7:52 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:  
>  
> Just want to stay on this. This would've been a good service to have with everything that was done today. Thank you, Nancy!  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone  
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>> On Oct 4, 2017, at 2:41 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>  
>> Thank you!  
>>  
>> -----Original Message-----  
>> From: Grantham, Nancy  
>> Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 2:24 PM  
>> To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>  
>> Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>  
>> Subject: Re: Definers  
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>> I am sitting with the contracts team right now to finalize what needs to be done  
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>> Thx ng  
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>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>> On Oct 4, 2017, at 2:20 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>>  
>>> What is the status on this? Ryan just asked for us to pull tv clips and we still don't have Definers who can provide this service to us.  
>>>  
>>> Let's get this done!

**To:** Marusak, Kirk[Marusak.Kirk@epa.gov]; Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Long, Brian[Long.Brian@epa.gov]  
**From:** Dews, Donna  
**Sent:** Mon 3/26/2018 2:09:18 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Important - FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Email Messages - Need Your Response - Thank You

Hi Kirk

Please come by 61173 and pick up all the emails I have. Some may be repeated for December when award was issued. In a blue folder marked for you. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Donna Dews  
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US Environmental Protection Agency  
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202-564-6752 (DIRECT)  
Dews.donna@epa.gov

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**From:** Marusak, Kirk  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 9:36 AM  
**To:** Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Long, Brian <Long.Brian@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Important - FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Email Messages - Need Your Response - Thank You

Hi, Rayna and Donna,

I need you to email me those email messages described in the message below. However, I have not received anything from either one of you. I have been waiting about 6 calendar days for the email messages. Thus, I need you to provide them to me today (3-26-18) so I can review and redact them. The FOIA requests identified above are due on Friday, March 30, 2018, which is this week. Thank you.

*Kirk R. Marusak*  
Government Information Specialist  
Office of Acquisition Management  
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[Marusak.Kirk@epa.gov](mailto:Marusak.Kirk@epa.gov)

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**From:** Marusak, Kirk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 2:19 PM  
**To:** Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FOIA Requests EPA-HQ-2018-002788 and EPA-HQ-2018-003122 - Email Messages - Need Your Response - Thank You

Hi, Rayna and Donna,

I need a copy of all email messages between you and any other individuals within OAM and/or outside OAM that discuss terminating the Definers contract or Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025. I know that Modification 1 issued under the respective purchase order terminated the procurement. I need these email messages as quickly as possible. Raoul needs to sign OAM's FOIA response letter, which include all requested documents, no later than Friday, March 30, 2018. However, Raoul also wants to peer review the entire FOIA package at least 2 days before the due date (Wednesday, March 28, 2018).

You can email the messages to me or you can make copies of them. Then, I will scan and email them to myself. Either way is fine with me. Thank you.

*Kirk R. Marusak*

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**To:** Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]  
**From:** Dews, Donna  
**Sent:** Mon 12/11/2017 2:02:53 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Distribution of EP-18-H-000025 - A more legible copy  
[EP-18-H-000025 Purchase order.pdf](#)  
[Clauses EP-18-H-000025.pdf](#)

Rayna

I would like to claim comp time on this award. Thank you.

Total hours 4:20-6:00pm – Claiming 1.5 hours comp time. December 7, 2017

Do I have your approval?

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**From:** Dews, Donna  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 07, 2017 5:45 PM  
**To:** 'Julia Cotrone' <jcotrone@definercorp.com>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Group DDC-Customer <DDC-Customer@epa.gov>; Wilson, Jessica <Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov>; Scott, Elaine <Scott.Elaine@epa.gov>; Plater, Lottie <Plater.Lottie@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Distribution of EP-18-H-000025 - A more legible copy

Oops!!!Here is a better copy.

The attached is for award. Thanks so much!!!

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[Dews.donna@epa.gov](mailto:Dews.donna@epa.gov)

**Cc:** Wilson, Jessica[Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov]; Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Plater, Lottie[Plater.Lottie@epa.gov]; Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**To:** Group DDC-Customer[DDC-Customer@epa.gov]; Julia Cotrone[jcotrone@definerscorp.com]; jpounder@definerscorp.com[jpounder@definerscorp.com]  
**From:** Dews, Donna  
**Sent:** Thur 12/7/2017 10:28:15 PM  
**Subject:** Distribution of EP-18-H-000025  
[EP-18-H-000025 12-7-17.pdf](#)

Please process award attached. Thank you.



**To:** Gosnell, Jody[Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov]  
**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Fri 7/28/2017 8:32:58 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Checking on Status

Fyi .. thanks ng

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2017 4:23 PM  
**To:** Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Checking on Status

Hi Rayna,

I am checking on the status of PR-OA-17-00132 -- for Definers media service.

Thanks and have a nice weekend.

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**To:** Gosnell, Jody[Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov]  
**From:** Gosnell, Jody  
**Sent:** Fri 12/22/2017 9:42:38 PM  
**Subject:** FW: BOTH PROTESTS DISMISSED >> Fwd: B-415800\_1\_\_FENTON\_COMMUNICATIONS  
B-415800\_1\_FENTON\_COMMUNICATIONS.pdf  
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Ask Rayna about how this protest was dismissed.

*Jody Gosnell  
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Office of Acquisition Management  
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**From:** Brown, Rayna  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:42 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Keith <[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov](mailto:Stewart.Keith@epa.gov)>; Scott, Elaine <[Scott.Elaine@epa.gov](mailto:Scott.Elaine@epa.gov)>; Wilson, Jessica <[Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Wilson.Jessica@epa.gov)>; Dews, Donna <[Dews.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Dews.Donna@epa.gov)>; Gosnell, Jody <[Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov](mailto:Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** BOTH PROTESTS DISMISSED >> Fwd: B-415800\_1\_\_FENTON\_COMMUNICATIONS

Hello all

Now that both protests have been dismissed and the order has been terminated, I look forward to how we learned from this experience. Thanks and have a great day!

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown  
Service Center Manager  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)  
OAM/HPOD/PCSC  
(202) 564.6025 Office  
Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "McGraw, Sara" <[McGraw.Sara@epa.gov](mailto:McGraw.Sara@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** December 21, 2017 at 4:47:15 PM EST  
**To:** "Brown, Rayna" <[brown.rayna@epa.gov](mailto:brown.rayna@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Madison, Tommie" <[Madison.Tommie@epa.gov](mailto:Madison.Tommie@epa.gov)>, "Pakula, Kenneth" <[Pakula.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Pakula.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fw: B-415800\_1\_\_FENTON\_COMMUNICATIONS

FYI -- Protests were dismissed.

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**From:** [MengeshaE@gao.gov](mailto:MengeshaE@gao.gov) <[MengeshaE@gao.gov](mailto:MengeshaE@gao.gov)> on behalf of Mengesha, Ermiyas <[MengeshaE@gao.gov](mailto:MengeshaE@gao.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:48 PM  
**To:** [darkush@citizen.org.rpost.org](mailto:darkush@citizen.org.rpost.org); [mcgraw.sara@epa.gov.rpost.org](mailto:mcgraw.sara@epa.gov.rpost.org)  
**Cc:** [RibackS@gao.gov.rpost.org](mailto:RibackS@gao.gov.rpost.org); [CalhounT@gao.gov.rpost.org](mailto:CalhounT@gao.gov.rpost.org)  
**Subject:** Registered: B-415800\_1\_\_FENTON\_COMMUNICATIONS

This is a Registered E-mail<sup>®</sup> message from **Mengesha Ermiyas**.

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Attached you will find the GAO decision regarding the above bid protest.

Thanks,

Ermiyas

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**To:** Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**From:** Sauerhage, Maggie  
**Sent:** Tue 6/12/2018 9:15:05 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Thanks! I used this to follow up with Cision about setting up a Daily News report as well as some auto alerts. I don't think they are able to do everything listed here, but hopefully we will get a good idea of what's possible. I'll let you know when it's set up.

Thanks,  
Maggie

Maggie Sauerhage  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office: (202) 564-0443  
Cell: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2018 6:13 PM  
**To:** Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

As discussed .. will also send you the definers sow

You may also want to ask emily in region 1 for their key words list – while some may be region specific – could be helpful starting point

Thanks ng

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**From:** Greg D'Andrea [<mailto:Greg.DAndrea@cision.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Hi Nancy,

Attached please find the SOW and a brief note from the Bulletin team. I'd like to schedule a time to walk through it in the next few days - let me know if any day this or next week would work!

**Greg D'Andrea**  
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**From:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:04 AM  
**To:** Greg D'Andrea  
**Subject:** RE: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Yes .. if you could send sow that would be great thanks ng

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**From:** Greg D'Andrea [<mailto:Greg.DAndrea@cision.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:03 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Hi Nancy - I know things are probably hectic there, but just looking to get next steps to move forward with Bulletin. Would love to hear feedback from the team, but also want to be cognizant of your time. Would it make sense to **send you an SOW based on the sample** we sent a week ago?

Let me know!

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:58:36 PM  
**To:** Greg D'Andrea  
**Subject:** RE: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Will check with folks

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**From:** Greg D'Andrea [<mailto:Greg.DAndrea@cision.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 09, 2018 2:54 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Hi Nancy! I wanted to see if we can arrange a call to discuss the Bulletin report from last Thursday. I'd like to get everyone's feedback while it's still fresh in their minds - do you have any availability this week?

Let me know!

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**From:** Greg D'Andrea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 1:00:19 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Subject:** Re: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Thanks Nancy!

Greg D'Andrea  
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**From:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:58:40 PM  
**To:** Greg D'Andrea  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Subject:** RE: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Here they are:

[Grantham.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.nancy@epa.gov)  
[Drinkard.andrea@epa.gov](mailto:Drinkard.andrea@epa.gov)  
[Konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:Konkus.john@epa.gov)  
[Bowman.liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.liz@epa.gov)  
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7 a.m. would be the best time.

Thanks ng

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**From:** Greg D'Andrea [<mailto:Greg.DAndrea@cision.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 4:13 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Added. Do you have the names for the distribution and the time it should be sent on Thursday?

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 2, 2018 7:01:28 AM  
**To:** Greg D'Andrea  
**Subject:** RE: Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Should have had Inside EPA on the list as well .. please add.

Thanks ng

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, March 30, 2018 12:12 PM  
**To:** Greg D'Andrea <[Greg.DAndrea@cision.com](mailto:Greg.DAndrea@cision.com)>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Bulletin Intelligence Info for testing

Greg,

Please see below for the basic lists. Obviously, as issues arise and key initiatives are launched, these would have additions.

Working on getting you the time and the names for the April 5<sup>th</sup> sample run.

Enjoy the weekend.

Thanking

## Outlets

AP  
Agri-Pulse  
Argus Media  
Axios  
Bloomberg  
Bloomberg BNA (Environment)  
Boston Globe  
Breitbart  
Business Insider  
CNN  
Chicago Tribune  
Christian Science Monitor  
The Daily Caller  
E&E News  
Financial Times  
Forbes  
Fox News  
The Guardian  
The Hill  
Hot Air  
Independent Journal Review  
LA Times  
Law 360  
Mother Jones  
Morning Consult  
NPR  
NTK Network  
NY Times  
The Oklahoman  
PJ Media  
Politico  
Reuters  
Scientific American  
The Intercept  
The Oklahoman  
Tulsa World  
USA Today  
Wall Street Journal  
Washington Examiner  
Washington Post  
Washington Times  
Google News Keywords– EPA, Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt

**News stories relevant to EPA’s mission, and, at a minimum, shall include the following topic areas (when combined with EPA key word)**

Administrator Pruitt  
Air  
Brownfields/Superfund/Other cleanups  
Budget



Climate Change  
Emergency Response  
Energy  
Enforcement  
Environmental Justice  
EPA  
Grants  
Hazardous waste  
International environmental agreements and disputes  
Pesticides  
Research and Development  
Rules/Regulations/Policy  
Toxics/TSCA  
Trash/recycling/composting/solid waste  
Tribal environmental issues  
Water  
Waters of the US  
Deregulation  
Lead Poisoning  
Lead Pipes  
State Implementation Plans  
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program  
Clean Water State Revolving Fund  
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund  
Drinking Water  
EPCRA/CERCLA  
Farm Act  
Flint Drinking Water Crisis  
East Chicago Superfund Site  
West Lake Landfill Superfund Site  
Minden, WVA PCB contamination  
Steam Electric ELG  
Clean Power Plan  
Mid-term Evaluation for light duty vehicles  
New Source Review (NSR)  
Waste E-Manifest  
Clean Air Act Implementation Plans  
Combined Coal Ash Residual (CCR)  
Regulatory Reform  
Hurricane Harvey  
Hurricane Maria  
California Wildfires  
Asbestos  
Pesticides  
Regulatory Rollback

**ample Intern Pull for 3/29**

**Fuel Economy Standards**

[Politico - California regulator gets meeting with EPA air chief ahead of expected battle over car rules](#)

[E&E Climatewire - Wehrum, Nichols huddle ahead of high-stakes auto decision](#)

[Washington Examiner - Conservative groups urge Scott Pruitt to block California from setting own car pollution rules](#)

[Washington Examiner - EPA pressed to slow down on rolling back Obama-era vehicle fuel standards](#)

[The Conversation - Why EPA's U-turn on auto efficiency rules gives China the upper hand](#)

[The Hill - Trump administration picks new fight with California](#)

[Reuters - U.S. high-octane gasoline demand may drop if fuel efficiency rules change](#)

[Washington Post - Trump officials prepare to undo fuel-efficiency targets despite some automakers' misgivings](#)

## **Administrator Pruitt's Housing**

[ABC News - EXCLUSIVE: More Cabinet trouble for Trump? EPA chief lived in condo tied to lobbyist 'power couple'](#)

[Politico - Pruitt's landlord's spouse was also campaign donor](#)

[Washington Examiner - Scott Pruitt rented a condo co-owned by wife of energy lobbyist: Report](#)

[The Hill - Pruitt lived in condo co-owned by energy lobbyist's wife: report](#)

## **Climate Talking Points**

[Daily Caller - HuffPo's 'Scoop' On EPA's Climate Change Talking Points Was A Nothingburger](#)

[CNN - EPA talking points downplay role of human activity in climate change](#)

[The Hill - Internal EPA memo tells staffers how to downplay climate change](#)

[Washington Post - EPA staffers get talking points playing down human role in climate change](#)

## **Campaign Against Administrator Pruitt**

[Washington Examiner - Environmental groups aim to 'boot' Scott Pruitt over 'wasteful spending' at EPA](#)

[E&E Climatewire - Greens push Pruitt to quit in big letters](#)

[Washington Post - Enough is enough. Scott Pruitt needs to go. \(\\*Opinion\)](#)

## **Superfund**

[The Intercept - Trump's Nominee to Oversee Superfund Program Spent Decades Fighting EPA Cleanups On Behalf of Polluters](#)

[Reuters - Panel to weigh MDL treatment for Gold King Mine spill cases](#)

## **Litigation**

[BNA - Outcome of EPA Rule Delay Case Could Upset Trump Deregulatory Plan](#)

[BNA - Advocates Urge EPA to Go Big in Court-Ordered Chemical Spill Rule](#)

## **General**

[The Hill - EPA pushes informal policy to deal with polluters outside courts](#)

Politico - EPA reinstates pay caps for staffers on hurricane duty after DHS ends 'surge' program

BNA - Chemical Makers Worry Steep New EPA Fees Could Stifle Innovation

Reuters - Exclusive: Trump advisers urge him to leave biofuel reforms to Congress - sources

E&E Greenwire - 5 things to know about EPA rollback of Obama rules

Politico - Stepp recused from major air decision affecting Foxconn plant in Wisconsin

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**To:** Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Frye, Tony (Robert)[frye.robert@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Yaeger, Ryan[Yaeger.Ryan@epa.gov]; Knapp, Kristien[Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]; Anderson, Neal[anderson.neal@epa.gov]; Burke, Marcella[burke.marcella@epa.gov]  
**From:** Aarons, Kyle  
**Sent:** Tue 6/19/2018 10:06:58 PM  
**Subject:** New letter on Definers  
2018-06-19 Definers June Letter.pdf

Hi all - Kristien spotted a Rolling Stone article about a new letter from Whitehouse and Harris on Definers:  
<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/scott-pruitt-epa-media-w521743>

I'm not sure if we've formally received the letter yet, but the version on Whitehouse's website is attached.

Thanks,  
Kyle

Kyle Aarons  
Congressional Affairs  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-7351

**To:** Shapiro, Melissa[shapiro.melissa@epa.gov]  
**From:** Shapiro, Melissa  
**Sent:** Fri 6/1/2018 8:02:09 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Request for concurrent OPA and OW review for EPA-HQ-2018-000174  
[FOIA Privacy Act request Southerland signed.pdf](#)

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**From:** Zipf, Lynn  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 1:17 PM  
**To:** White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for concurrent OPA and OW review for EPA-HQ-2018-000174

Although I tried to narrow the request, the requestor was not amenable.

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Lynn Zipf  
FOIA Specialist  
Office of Water

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(202) 564-1509

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**From:** White, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 1:06 PM  
**To:** Zipf, Lynn <Zipf.Lynn@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for concurrent OPA and OW review for EPA-HQ-2018-000174

Lynn – can you send me the actual request (as ultimately agreed to with requestor)? Thanks.

**Beth White**

Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
(202) 564-1781 direct  
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**From:** Zipf, Lynn  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 11:35 AM  
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for concurrent OPA and OW review for EPA-HQ-2018-000174

I have worked to even out the redactions and the one attached pdf include those revisions. The other document is too large to send via email so I will share it via a one drive link. These documents are now ready for OW IO awareness review which includes Sarah and Lee. Beth – I will ask for you to coordinate any additional review beyond Lee and Sarah.

I plan to release these documents on March 1, 2018. Please advise as to any inconsistencies, edits prior to that.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 1:58 PM  
**To:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Zipf, Lynn <Zipf.Lynn@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; White, Elizabeth <[white.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto: white.elizabeth@epa.gov)>; Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto: Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Request for concurrent OPA and OW review for EPA-HQ-2018-000174 - due date 2/14/18

Hi –

I have reviewed these files. As I mentioned to Lynn, there is some unevenness in the redactions from document to document – i.e., something not redacted in the first document is redacted in the second one.

Otherwise, these are records about Betsy Southerland and Mr. Cox in Region 10's departure from the agency their subsequent comments. Also a couple of references to Wendy Cleland-Hammet's retirement as well. Betsy's highest year salary is the discussion on some of the emails.

Note that there are some documents on the Definers media contract issue, as well as WOTUS (very few of both).

Of note: Lee Forsgren, Samantha Dravis and Sarah Greenwalt emails are in the collection. Also, there is a congratulatory retirement letter from ECOS ED Alex Dunn, who is now the RA in Region 1. There are some emails to staff at epa from the RNC.

I am copying Liz Bowman in OPA and Beth White in OEX for awareness.

My understanding is that this collection is still to be reviewed by Dave Ross/Lee Forsgren.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks ng

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**From:** Zipf, Lynn

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 07, 2018 8:22 AM

**To:** Drinkard, Andrea <[Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov](mailto: Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov)>; Dennis, Allison <[Dennis.Allison@epa.gov](mailto: Dennis.Allison@epa.gov)>; Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto: Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Request for concurrent OPA and OW review for EPA-HQ-2018-000174 - due date 2/14/18

Andrea, Allison and Nancy,

I am requesting review of the responsive records for this FOIA. This FOIA is requesting all internal communications and external communications with any new media representatives concerning Dr. Southerland from July 31, 2017 to present. There are about 225 responsive records. I have reviewed all of the responsive documents and applied exemption 5 and exemption 6.

Please review the attached documents and let me know if any additional/fewer redactions are applicable. Because many of these records were sent outside the agency, the deliberative exemption does not apply. It would be great if this review could be completed by 2/14/18

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Once you have reviewed the responsive documents, I will then route them to Lee Forsgren and Sarah Greenwalt for review.

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FWW v. EPA (18-cv-01497)

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**To:** Aarons, Kyle[Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov]  
**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Thur 4/26/2018 9:21:24 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Definers Letters

Liz just signed them .. will leave on your chair thanks ng

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**From:** Aarons, Kyle  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:32 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Definers Letters

Hi Nancy – I just put the 8 letters on your desk to route to Liz for signature. Please let me know when they’re ready – any time before ~3PM tomorrow would be great.

Thanks,  
Kyle

Kyle Aarons  
Congressional Affairs  
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**From:** Yaeger, Ryan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:04 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>; Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Definers Letters

Nancy:

Attached are the Definers responses for signature. Please note that Rep. DeFazio has two.

Thanks–

Ryan



**Cc:** Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Frye, Tony (Robert)[frye.robert@epa.gov]; Burke, Marcella[burke.marcella@epa.gov]; Knapp, Kristien[Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]; Patrick, Kimberly[Patrick.Kimberly@epa.gov]; Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]; Legare, Pamela[Legare.Pamela@epa.gov]  
**To:** Aarons, Kyle[Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov]  
**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Wed 5/9/2018 8:58:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Call with Senate staff on Definers Public Affairs

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 9, 2018, at 4:57 PM, Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov> wrote:  
>  
> Hi all – Staff for Senators Harris and Whitehouse would like a call with us on Friday to discuss Definers Public Affairs. Their incoming letter and our response is attached. I will also request a meeting at 11:30 on Friday to discuss the issue internally.  
>  
> Thank you,  
> Kyle  
> <Whitehouse 4-27-18 (Definers).pdf>  
> <Definers contract documents 4-27-18.pdf>  
> <Whitehouse News Analysis 12-19-17.pdf>  
> <meeting.ics>

**To:** Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tue 11/7/2017 12:57:59 PM  
**Subject:** opa budget

- Campaign Monitor software -- \$150/month
- Definers Media Monitoring -- \$120,000 - \$240,000 \* (\$120,000 in committed funds)
- Cision Media Services --
- Frames for hallways -- \$3500-\$6600
- RWA for wall repairs and hanging new photos -- \$20,000
- Cubicle enlargement in 3407 -- \$
- Challenge coins -- \$2500
- Translation Services - \$
- SEE employee -- \$36,000 - contract expires 2/18
- EPA ID clothing --

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**To:** Packard, Elise[Packard.Elise@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]  
**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tue 1/2/2018 11:47:19 PM  
**Subject:** RE: PO\_EP18H000025\_1\_HQ [URGENT]

Thanks much

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**From:** Packard, Elise  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 02, 2018 9:04 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: PO\_EP18H000025\_1\_HQ [URGENT]

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☺ But let me check.

Elise B. Packard  
Acting Principal Deputy General Counsel  
U.S. EPA Office of General Counsel, Rm. 4020  
(202) 564-7729

**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 02, 2018 7:41 AM  
**To:** Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Packard, Elise <Packard.Elise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: PO\_EP18H000025\_1\_HQ [URGENT]

Hi Elise,

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Thanks ng

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**From:** Brown, Rayna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:19 PM  
**To:** Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: PO\_EP18H000025\_1\_HQ [URGENT]

Nancy and Helena,

There were two (2) GAO protests filed by two (2) separate interested parties. The GAO case numbers were B-415800-1 and B-415800-2. Normally the details of the protest such as the allegations filed against EPA and the GAO decisions is made publicly available through GAO online (see links below). Since the Agency, EPA, conceded to a need for corrective action, this may have effected why the full details are not disclosed publicly as per GAO procedures it could take months to make available following a decision of corrective action. Another reason maybe it's subject to a protect order. Otherwise,

GAO seeks to issue decisions that provide meaningful and transparent explanations for their rulings. You are very fortunate to have a very proactive, solution-driven Champion in Michael Q. who has already coordinated with me to learn more of the ins and outs of sole sourcing.

Either way, (1) I am planning to

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Links to the GAO Protest:

<https://www.gao.gov/mobile/docket/B-415800.1>

<https://www.gao.gov/mobile/docket/B-415800.2>

I hope this helps and we will gladly

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Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown  
Service Center Manager  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)  
OAM/HPOD/PCSC  
(202) 564.6025 Office

On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:48 PM, Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov](mailto:Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Nancy and yes it would be good to see that GAO correspondence.

Helena Wooden-Aguilar  
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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[wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov](mailto:wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov)

On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:42 PM, Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks .. may we get a copy of any correspondence to GAO re: the corrective action? Also, which OGC attorney worked on this? thanks ng

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**From:** Brown, Rayna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 26, 2017 4:39 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Dews, Donna <[Dews.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Dews.Donna@epa.gov)>; Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov](mailto:Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: PO\_EP18H000025\_1\_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Nancy,

I hope you had a nice weekend. The funds have already been de-obligated and as I recall I was able to confirm this in Compass Data Warehouse. Also, the GAO protest of this action was dismissed by GAO last week after our attorney indicated corrective action would be taken. Please let me know if you have any further questions. Have a nice day!

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown  
Service Center Manager  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)  
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On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:24 PM, Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks ... please let us know when this is complete – as we would

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Thanks ng

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**From:** Brown, Rayna  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:43 PM  
**To:** Julia Cotrone <[jcotrone@definerscorp.com](mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com)>  
**Cc:** Dews, Donna <[Dews.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Dews.Donna@epa.gov)>; Scott Cotter <[scotter@definerscorp.com](mailto:scotter@definerscorp.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: PO\_EP18H000025\_1\_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response. I will generate a final bilateral modification to definitize Definers Corp's decision and will get it to you as quickly as possible. This forthcoming modification will serve as the final step and we can close this out. I will be in contact with you soon. Have a nice day.

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown  
Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)  
OAM/HPOD/PCSC

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown  
Service Center Manager  
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On Dec 21, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definercorp.com> wrote:

Hi

I had sent the email below yesterday but am having difficulty finding in my email so I just wanted to resend to make sure you have and are aware.

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

Thanks

On Dec 20, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Julia Cotrone

<jcotrone@definercorp.com> wrote:

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 10:45 PM, Brown, Rayna

<brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response and returning the signed subject modification. In terms of additional steps necessary to officially end the process will involve whether or not Definers Corp wants to assert its rights under FAR 52.212-4 (l) terms and conditions—see an excerpt of the applicable clause language below. If Definers Corp is seeking, as a matter of its right, the payment of money arising under or relating to this purchase order and termination, then please submit in writing to me as the Contracting Officer with a level of detail consistent with the FAR 52.212-4 and sufficient for a Contracting Officer to determine that the costs were fair, reasonable, allowable, allocable and the facts justify the requested recovery of costs in a termination settlement (e.g. demonstrates that all reasonable steps were taken to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order). A final bilateral modification will be issued to definitize this aspect of the termination even if Definers Corp indicates that no costs will be claimed under the order and/or pursuant to the termination.

Please notify me of Definer Corp's intent regarding this matter and the Government will act accordingly. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you kindly and have a great day!

#### **FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items.**

**(l) Termination for the Government's convenience.** The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, **the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice**

**of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination.** The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. **The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.**

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

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**From:** Julia Cotrone [mailto:[jcotrone@definerscorp.com](mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:09 PM

**To:** Brown, Rayna <[brown.rayna@epa.gov](mailto:brown.rayna@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** [jpounder@definerscorp.com](mailto:jpounder@definerscorp.com); Dews, Donna <[Dews.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Dews.Donna@epa.gov)>;

Scott Cotter <[scotter@definerscorp.com](mailto:scotter@definerscorp.com)>

**Subject:** Re: PO\_EP18H000025\_1\_HQ [URGENT]

Attached is signed copy of PO\_EP18H000025\_1\_HQ (7 pages). See page 2 for signature as requested.

Please let us know if there are any additional steps we need to take on our end to complete this process. Otherwise please let us know when this process is 100% completed.

Thank you!

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 4:47 PM, Julia Cotrone  
<[jcotrone@definerscorp.com](mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com)> wrote:

Received

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 3:45 PM, Brown, Rayna  
<[brown.rayna@epa.gov](mailto:brown.rayna@epa.gov)> wrote:

**Contractor:** Definers Corp

**Purchase Order No.:** EP-18-H-000025

**Purchase Order Modification No.:** P00001

**Purchase Order Title:** News Analysis Service

**Subject:** Unilateral Modification No. P00001

Please find attached modification P00001 to purchase order no. EP-18-H-000025 in order to cancel/terminate this order in its entirety via a Termination for the Government's Convenience effective December 19, 2017 and per the Contracting Officer's (CO's) conversation with Julia Cotrone with Definers Corp this morning. The Contractor shall immediately acknowledge receipt of this modification via email (please **DO NOT** include Group DDC-Customer) upon receipt of this email and correspondence and provide the signed page 2 of 7 to [brown.rayna@epa.gov](mailto:brown.rayna@epa.gov) and [dews.donna@epa.gov](mailto:dews.donna@epa.gov) within two (2) business days. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

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**To:** Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]  
**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Fri 7/7/2017 2:02:11 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Call with Definers

I will come down ..thanks ng

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**From:** Hull, George  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Call with Definers

Nancy,  
William Schenkel from Definers is calling me at 11:00 am to talk thorough their war room service. Would you like to come down, or I can conference you in. - George

**To:** Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilcox, Jahan  
**Sent:** Wed 6/21/2017 8:17:32 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Where are we on getting a clips service?

Cool. Thank you!

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**From:** Hull, George  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 4:07 PM  
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Where are we on getting a clips service?

I called Joe Pounder of Definers after you sent me his contact information. I left him a message explaining my interest. Surprisingly, he hasn't called me back. I'll try him again and also by e-mail. - George

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**From:** Wilcox, Jahan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 3:59 PM  
**To:** Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Where are we on getting a clips service?

Jahan Wilcox  
EPA  
Strategic Communications Advisor  
Work Cell: Personal Phone / Ex. 6  
Work Email: [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)

Daily Communications Report: EPA

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FR: EPA Office of Public Affairs

DT: **Monday, December 18, 2017**

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**Upcoming**

- EPA to release Draft Risk Assessments for Glyphosate – listserv posting likely today 12/18  
EPA is releasing for public comment the draft human health and ecological risk assessments for glyphosate, one of the most widely used agricultural pesticides in the United States. Glyphosate is used on over 200 crops. Both draft risk assessments are very comprehensive.
- Superfund Site 2017 NPL Deletions - week of 12/18 - press release -- regional amplification - SFTF connection

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recorded significant improvement in 2017 in completing the final step in the Superfund process by deleting all or parts of seven Superfund sites from the National Priorities List (NPL).

**Inquiries**

African American Career World magazine (Katie McKy) – Profile of African American employee who loves his/her work.

Argus (Chris Knight) — Unified agenda on GHG program for vehicles.

Associated Press (John Flesher) – Confirmation that Cathy Stepp will be named new Region 5 Administrator.

Bloomberg Environment (Pat Rizzuto) – Asbestos information from industry groups.

Bloomberg Environment (Jennifer Lu) – Timeframe for issuing 120 day letters for ozone designations.

CBS Digital (Katie Watson); CNN (Rene Marsh); New York Times (Lisa Friedman) – Press clippings contract with Definers.

Climate Observatory and Oeco (Claudio Angelo) –Nature magazine profile of Administrator.

CQ Roll Call (Jackie Toth) – Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee Meeting.

E&E News (Sean Reilly); Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Texas haze plan lawsuit.

Inside Climate News (Marianne Lavelle) – Regulatory/deregulatory actions and ozone.

Inside EPA (Stuart Parker) – Ozone Co-operative Compliance Task Force.

Law 360 (Christine Powell) – Comments on Clean Water Rule

NBC National News (Suzy Khimm) – Lead and copper rule.

POLITICO (Christine Haughney) – Neonics assessments.

POLITICO (Emily Holden) – Confirming retirement of Steve Page and Peter Tsirigotis as new OAQPS lead.

Spectrum News Network (Silvia Gambardella) – Regulation of chemicals.

Vermont Digger (Mike Polhamus) – Clean air lawsuit.

VICE News (Alex Lubben) – Flooding at EPA.

Wall Street Journal (Tim Puko) – Dr. Michael Dourson's role with EPA.

### **Top Stories**

The Hill: Returning Reagan-era Principles to the EPA: <http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/365450-returning-to-reagan-era-principles-to-the-epa>

Politico: EPA to kick off rewrite of Clean Power Plan:

<https://www.politicopro.com/energy/whiteboard/2017/12/epa-to-kick-off-rewrite-of-clean-power-plan-236869>

EPA released its Advanced Notice of Public Rulemaking to Limit GHG at Power Plants:

<https://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2017/12/18/stories/1060069329>

### **Top Issues and Accomplishments**

EPA ordered potentially responsible parties to clean up USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago, Ind.:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-orders-potentially-responsible-parties-clean-uss-lead-superfund-site-east-chicago>

EPA awarded a grant to support a mobile asthma clinic for children in Oakland, Calif:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-grant-supports-mobile-asthma-clinic-east-bay-children>

EPA releases an update on agency actions in response to Hurricane Maria:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-hurricane-maria-update>

And the same in Spanish language: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/actualizacion-de-la-epa-sobre-el-huracan-maria>

Daily Communications Report: EPA

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FR: EPA Office of Public Affairs

DT: **Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

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**Upcoming**

EPA, Working with States and Tribes, Moving Forward on Attainment Designations for Ozone and Sulfur Dioxide - letters going out tomorrow Wednesday 12/20, Press Release 12/21. EPA is taking next steps in the Clean Air Act process to determine which areas meet national air quality standards for ground-level ozone and sulfur dioxide.

**Inquiries**

Argus (Michael Ball); CQ Roll Call (Jackie Toth); InsideClimate News (Georgina Gustin); National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (Cathy Cash); POLITICO (Emily Holden); POWER magazine (Abby L. Harvey); S&P Global Market Intelligence (Annalee Armstrong); The Energy Daily (George Lobsenz); The Weather Channel (James Crugnale) — Clean Power Plan ANPR.

Argus (Courtney Schlisserman) — Texas haze plan lawsuit.

Athens Messenger/Vinton County Courier (Heather Willard) — Financial assurance requirements for hard-rock mining.

Bloomberg Environment (Tiffany Stecker) — Sen. Udall's hold on PRIA.

Bloomberg Environment (David Schultz) — Interview request with David Ross on various water issues.

Bloomberg Government (Sam Skolnik); New York Times (Lisa Friedman); POLITICO (Emily Holden); The Hill (Tim Cama) — Ending of Definers' contract.

Bloomberg Law (Stephen Joyce) — Names of all regional administrators and deputy regional administrators.

BuzzFeed News (Zahra Hirji) — Fact check on greenhouse gas standards for cars, new source performance standards for oil/gas and methane standards for landfills.

CQ Legal (Jackie Toth); The Hill (Tim Cama) — Senators' letter on Definers' contract.

E&E News (Maxine Joselow) — Policy on using certain words in budget proposals.

E&E News (Sean Reilly) — Ozone NAAQS extension in regulatory agenda.

E&E News (Sean Reilly); Inside EPA (David LaRoss) — Environmental groups' request to end Coal Combustion Products Partnership Program.

MATTER OF FACT (Richard Harris) — Interview request with the Administrator for one-year anniversary of Trump Administration.

MSNBC (Kelly Rice) — Interview request on surveillance in the Administrator's office.

New York Times (Sheila Kaplan); The Intercept (Sharon Lerner) — Delay in implementation of TCE/N-Methylpyrrolidone/Methyl Chloride rules in regulatory agenda.

POLITICO (Emily Holden) — Contract for surveillance in the Administrator's office.

POLITICO (Emily Holden); Wisconsin Public Radio-Milwaukee (Chuck Quirnbach); [WisPolitics.com](http://WisPolitics.com) (Briana Reilly) — Confirmation that Cathy Stepp is new Region 5 Administrator.

POLITICO (Christine Haughney); Prevention magazine (Rene Ebersole) – Glyphosate risk assessment.

### **Top Stories**

The Chicago Tribune: EPA orders companies blamed for East Chicago contamination to pay for cleanup: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/post-tribune/news/ct-ptb-east-chicago-epa-orders-st-1219-20171218-story.html>

Milwaukee Journal: Former Wisc DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp to take charge of EPA's Midwest regional office: <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2017/12/19/former-wisconsin-dnr-secretary-cathy-stepp-take-charge-epas-midwest-regional-office/964407001/>

Bloomberg: EPA turns to 'lean manufacturing' to speed up reviews: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-12-18/pruitt-s-epa-turns-to-lean-manufacturing-to-speed-up-reviews>

### **Top Issues and Accomplishments**

EPA announced the appointment of Cathy Stepp as Region 5 Administrator: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-appointment-cathy-stepp-region-5-administrator>

EPA awards funding to help clean diesel projects in New England states: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-funding-will-help-clean-diesel-projects-new-england-states>

EPA announced it is requiring Salina Facility to reduce risk of spill to Monterey Bay watershed: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/us-epa-requires-salinas-facility-reduce-risk-spills-monterey-bay-watershed>

EPA announced its settlement with FMC Corp. enforces federal pesticide safety protections: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-settlement-fmc-corp-enforces-federal-pesticide-safety-protections-0>

**To:** Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]; McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]  
**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Wed 12/20/2017 7:08:51 PM  
**Subject:** RE: contracts to keep running during possible shutdown

Thanks

**Nancy Grantham**  
**Office of Public Affairs**  
**US Environmental Protection Agency**  
**202-564-6879 (desk)**  

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**(mobile)**

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**From:** Quarles, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017 1:58 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: contracts to keep running during possible shutdown

Hi Nancy,

The contract was cancelled by Rayna, I haven't heard if Definers incurred any cost during the set up process of the contract. When we are aware of any cost to be paid to Definers, we can deobligate the remaining funds and put them on Cision. I will be reaching out to Rayna today.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles  
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager  
Office of Administrative and Executive Services  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20460  
Mail Code 6202A  
(202) 343-9970

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 5:46 PM  
**To:** McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** contracts to keep running durin possible shutdown

Cision  
Campaign Monitor  
Translations International (OGC contract)

All of these are so we can continue to support the emergency responses in Puerto Rico and California.

I am listed as essential personnel – so I would be getting the press releases out and translated if need be.

Thanks ng

**Nancy Grantham**



**Office of Public Affairs  
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202-564-6879 (desk)  
(mobile)**

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**To:** Davis, Derek[Davis.Derek@epa.gov]  
**From:** Dews, Donna  
**Sent:** Mon 5/14/2018 4:14:36 PM  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION >> FW: PRISM Workflow Reminder regarding Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002)

Derek

I have no idea. Thanks.

Donna Dews  
Contract Specialist  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Acquisition Management  
HPOD/Program Contract Service Center  
Washington, DC 20460  
202-564-6752 (DIRECT)  
Dews.donna@epa.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Davis, Derek  
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 12:13 PM  
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: ACTION >> FW: PRISM Workflow Reminder regarding Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002)

Hi Donna,

Did we already receive a PR to close this purchase order out? What's the status?

Derek Davis  
Contracting Officer  
Program Contract Service Center  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20460  
Mail Code: 3805R  
Phone: (202) 564-1074

-----Original Message-----

From: Dews, Donna  
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 12:10 PM  
To: Davis, Derek <Davis.Derek@epa.gov>  
Cc: Dolan, Sheila <dolan.sheila@epa.gov>  
Subject: FW: ACTION >> FW: PRISM Workflow Reminder regarding Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002)

Derk

I forgot to copy you when sent to Sheila. The file is still with FOIA office internally. FYI.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dews, Donna  
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 7:56 AM  
To: Dolan, Sheila <dolan.sheila@epa.gov>  
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>  
Subject: FW: ACTION >> FW: PRISM Workflow Reminder regarding Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002)

Hi Sheila

This could have been acted upon - the choices made or the choices not made was a management decision to not process. This was probably 4 or 5 ago before new position was taken and responsibility of then service center manager. Advise.

Thank you.

Donna Dews  
Contract Specialist  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Acquisition Management  
HPOD/Program Contract Service Center  
Washington, DC 20460  
202-564-6752 (DIRECT)  
Dews.donna@epa.gov

months before new position was taken. Advise.

-----Original Message-----

From: Brown, Rayna  
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 6:49 AM  
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>  
Cc: Dolan, Sheila <dolan.sheila@epa.gov>  
Subject: ACTION >> FW: PRISM Workflow Reminder regarding Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002)

Hello Donna,

I hope all is well with you. Given that I am no longer supporting PCSC and this pending modification is a basic modification to officially close out the terminated order that was protested, there is no reason that I have to be the person to complete the transaction. Therefore, please coordinate internally within PCSC to complete this action. If you want me to delete it then please let me know as someone in PCSC may want to start the mod from scratch under their purview or may conclude that the action/modification is not needed. Please consult with Jody and/or Sheila and let me know if I'm deleting the mod or not.

Thanks and have a nice day!

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown  
Service Center Manager  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) OAM/HPOD/Pre-Award Solutions Team  
(202) 564.6025 Office

-----Original Message-----

From: EAS.System@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:EAS.System@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Sunday, May 13, 2018 6:44 AM

To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Subject: PRISM Workflow Reminder regarding Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002)

Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 (P00002) has been in your inbox for 83 working days awaiting your review.

Please review the Purchase Order and take appropriate action at your earliest convenience. You may access PRISM by clicking <https://eas.epa.gov/>.

**To:** Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]  
**From:** Brown, Rayna  
**Sent:** Wed 9/5/2018 5:53:32 PM  
**Subject:** Today's Bi-Weekly Discussion Topics

Hello Keith,

While I was waiting for you for our rescheduled bi-weekly, here’s some topics I hope we are able to discuss today:

**BI-WEEKLY MEETING**  
Wednesday, September 5, 2018

**I. Personnel Matters**

- a. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

**Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

**II. Operational Matters**

**Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

**III. Administrative and Miscellaneous Matters**

- a. Leave request for 09/12/2018

**Personal Matters / Ex. 6**

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown  
Service Center Manager  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)  
OAM/HPOD/Pre-Award Solutions Team  
(202) 564.6025 Office

**To:** Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]  
**From:** Donna Dews  
**Sent:** Wed 12/13/2017 12:37:21 AM  
**Subject:** Re:

Hi Keith/Rayna

Feeling a little better.

I sent him a copy of the notice and he was questioning why there was no date and he was unable to access the notice. My file shows others who were able to access notice as an RFI to FBO and Fedconnect. He wants to make a case of some sort. I know you and Rayna will know how to handle his request diplomatically. See you all tomorrow.

Donna

On 12/12/17, Stewart, Keith <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Donna

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> I am actually looking the amended special notice that was posted. I have a contractor asking it.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Donna Dews [mailto: **Personal Email / Ex. 6**]

> Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:27 PM

> To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Stewart, Keith

> <Stewart.Keith@epa.gov>

> Subject:

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> Rayna

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> **Personal Matters / Ex. 6**

> My personal email is **Personal Email / Ex. 6** I checked my email and I had not gotten an email from Definers. As I said in my personal email, we were waiting on Definers to send a service start date and amended quote. There was nothing in my work mail to indicate they had amended their quote. Sorry for any inconvenience. I will get file to Keith and all who want to see it tomorrow when I return to the office and follow up with Julia Coltrone at Definers.

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> Thank you.

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> Donna Dews

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**To:** Madison, Tommie[Madison.Tommie@epa.gov]; Brown, Rayna[brown.rayna@epa.gov]; Stewart, Keith[Stewart.Keith@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** McGraw, Sara[McGraw.Sara@epa.gov]; Zemel, Avital[Zemel.Avital@epa.gov]  
**From:** Pakula, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Tue 12/19/2017 1:59:59 PM  
**Subject:** RE: B- UNKNOWN FW: Bid protest for EPA contract EP18H000025  
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The first paragraph says it was a grant - Are we sure it's a contract? Also - who, if anyone, reviewed for OGC?

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From: Madison, Tommie  
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 8:51 AM  
To: Brown, Rayna; Stewart, Keith; Pakula, Kenneth  
Subject: FW: B- UNKNOWN FW: Bid protest for EPA contract EP18H000025

Tommie L. Madison, Jr.  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Acquisition Management (OAM)  
Acting Agency Advocate for Competition  
Phone: (202) 564-2556  
MailCode: 3803R

From: Protests@gao.gov [mailto:Protests@gao.gov]  
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 5:24 PM  
To: Madison, Tommie <Madison.Tommie@epa.gov>  
Subject: Registered: B- UNKNOWN FW: Bid protest for EPA contract EP18H000025

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Please note the enclosed Bid Protest-- B- UNKNOWN

Filed-- 18 DEC 2018 for 5:15pm

Agency Report Due Date-- 17 Jan 2018  
Case Decision Due Date-- 28 Mar 2018

I am-- Kenneth Webb PLCG

From: David Arkush [mailto:darkush@citizen.org]  
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 5:12 PM  
To: Protests  
Subject: Bid protest for EPA contract EP18H000025

Hello,

Attached to this email is a bid protest for EPA contract EP18H000025.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Arkush

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David J. Arkush | Managing Director  
Public Citizen's Climate Program  
215 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003  
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